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Dear Lou,

Thanks for the return of the clips. If you found possible importance in the larger one, when you are here you should leave yourself enough time to read the transcript I have. While I have regard it as confidential, I have no doubt that if you find use for it, we can get it and more for you by asking my source, who has no use for your enemies.

I have been given a copy of Jim's (unwise) interview with something called the Los Angeles Star. Aside from possible later trouble for you, I see a possible present use. If oneof you has a copy of the pitture of Jim's desk you should have taken after it was broken into, I'd like a copy, permission to lend it to any paper that might be interested, and I do have one in mind.

This interview also gave me an idea. Jim talks of the illegal acts of Gallinghouse et al. And if they are specified in the chanrge, I'd like a copy. But from that statement I see a crime you diligent law-enforcers haven't charged: larceny after trust. Against Pershing, for theft of a key! He may not be as anxious to return if there is such a charge pending against him. And I don't know of any reason why he should have asked Jim for the key. Do you Nor do I know if the law requires that a value be placed on the theft. But with what the feds did to the desk, it would not seem unreasonable to make that the value. If you attach a picture to the charge and a bill or an estimate it might get some attention, as I think the picture could. I have seen no reference to this in your papers as others send me clips.

Lifton, to whom Jim gave transcripts when he would not to me, is selling them. He includes Shaneyfelt. I believe you said you did not have it. If you do, I'd appreciate a copy. If you do not, you are not his only "friends", for he got it some place.

At this point I do not thing you or Jim or anyone else knows what you will be going to do, will think you have to do or decide that you must or should do. So, I suggest there are what may seem like peripheral things it would be good if we had time to discuss while you are here. Why not try to arrange an extra day, that is, come up on the early a.m. plane one day and go back with your pickup the next. There are numerous non-stops to Friendship (Baltimore), more than to the other two airports combined. Although neither of us is a lawyer, some of these things cross into that discipline but you'll have no trouble understanding them, whether or not either of us will know the law that co controls.

There are lots of ways of fighting and fighting back. And I think the guy who stands and waits if he has a choice is a mark.

Hey, that reminds me: I heard that Mark got busted in a peace domonstration.

Best regards,